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## 2019 OPERATING BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

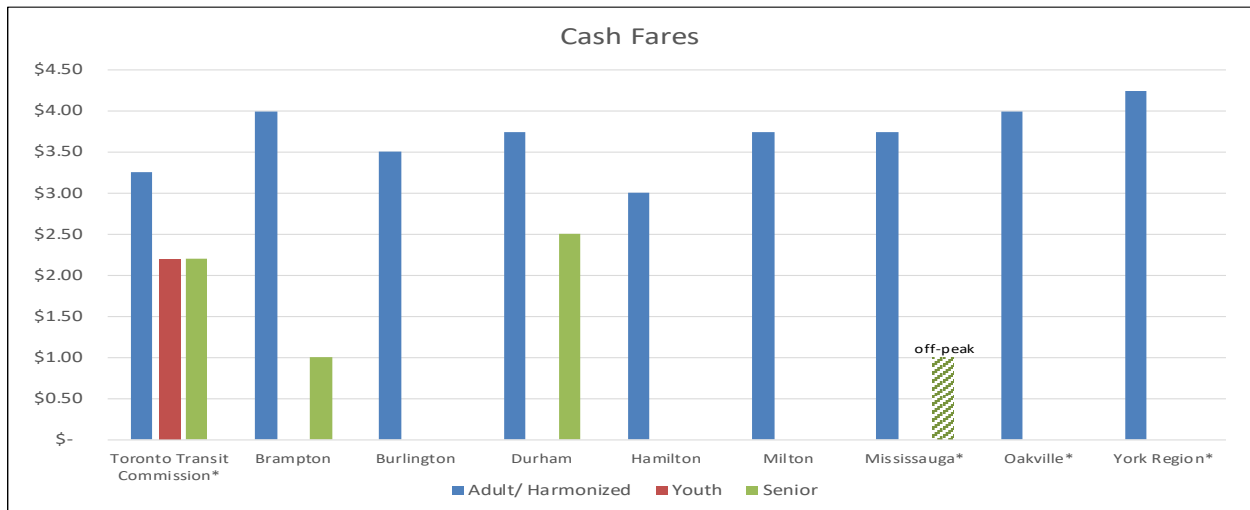
### Greater Toronto Area Transit Fare Comparison

This briefing note responds to the February 13, 2019 Budget Committee request for a TTC briefing note on Greater Toronto Area (GTA) transit system fares as compared to Toronto Transit Commission fares.

#### Issue/Background:

- Current or 2019 proposed fares have been compared across GTA transit systems (derived from publically available sources) between Adult, Senior and Youth rates for the following fare types:
  - Cash Fares;
  - PRESTO Single Fares;
  - Monthly Passes; and
  - Specific GO fares (Within Toronto).

#### Cash Fares:



\*Reflects 2019 approved/proposed fare increases

- The TTC adult cash fare of \$3.25 is the second lowest in the GTA.

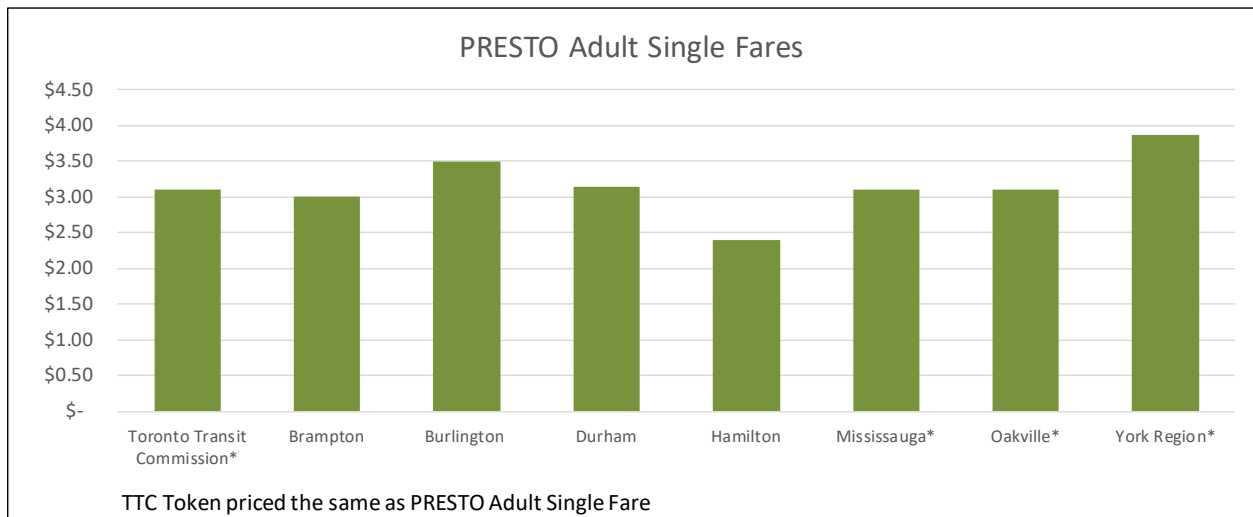
- Outside of the TTC, most GTHA agencies have harmonized cash fares for adults, youths and seniors.
  - Brampton and Durham provide a separate senior fare.
  - MiWay provides off-peak senior fares.

### **PRESTO Single Fares:**

#### *Concession Fares:*

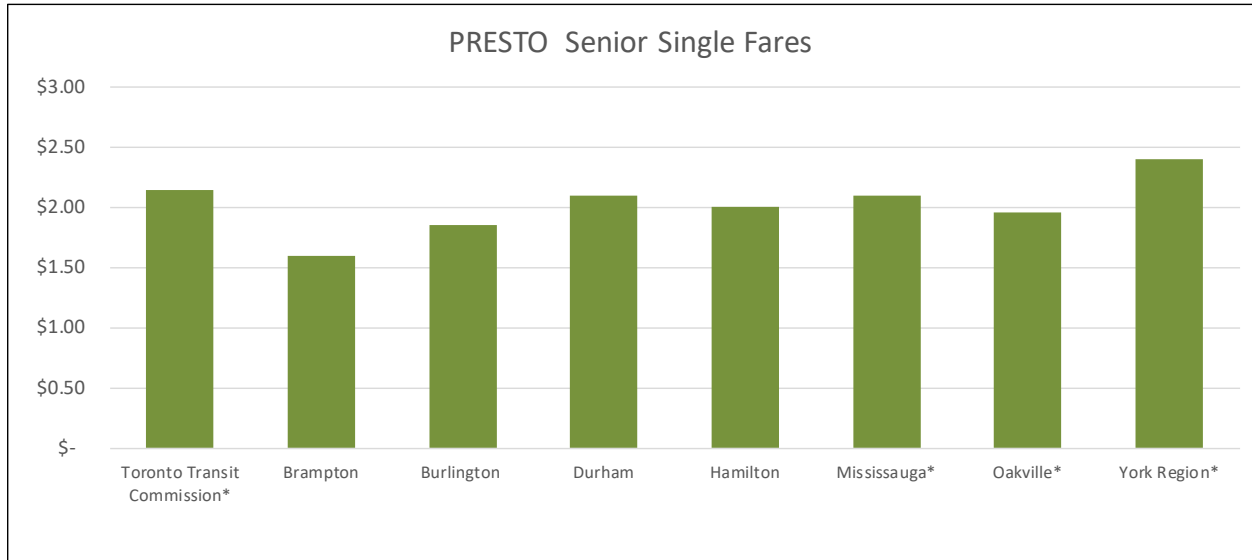
- PRESTO Concession types are the same across the GTHA: Adult, Senior, Youth, Child.
  - Transit agencies define the price and policies
  - Children under 5 are free across the agencies
  - The TTC is the only agency to provide free travel for children ages 6-12
  - The TTC is the only agency with a Post-Secondary Monthly Pass

#### *PRESTO Fares:*



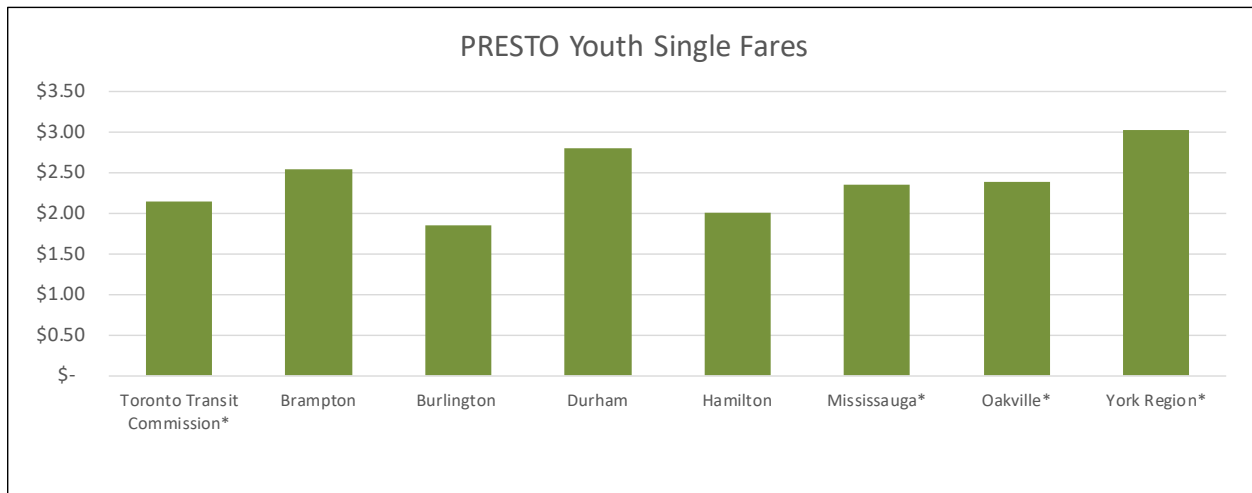
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- The TTC PRESTO adult single fare of \$3.10 is in line with other PRESTO fares in the GTA and below the average GTA adult fare of just over \$3.15.



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- The TTC PRESTO senior single fare of \$2.15 is slightly above other PRESTO fares in the GTA and higher than the average GTA senior fare of just \$2.02.



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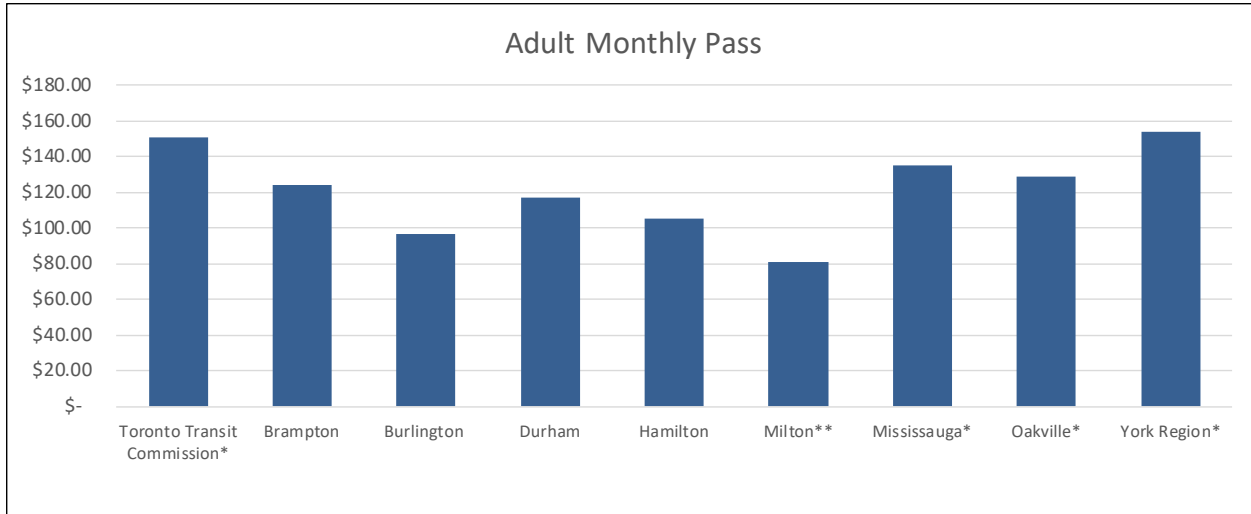
- The TTC PRESTO youth single fare of \$2.15 is one of the lower youth PRESTO fares in the GTA and lower than the average GTA youth fare of \$2.39.

*Transfers:*

- Most GTHA agencies have two-hour transfers, including the TTC.
- Some agencies accept each other's transfers, as long as it is within the transfer window.

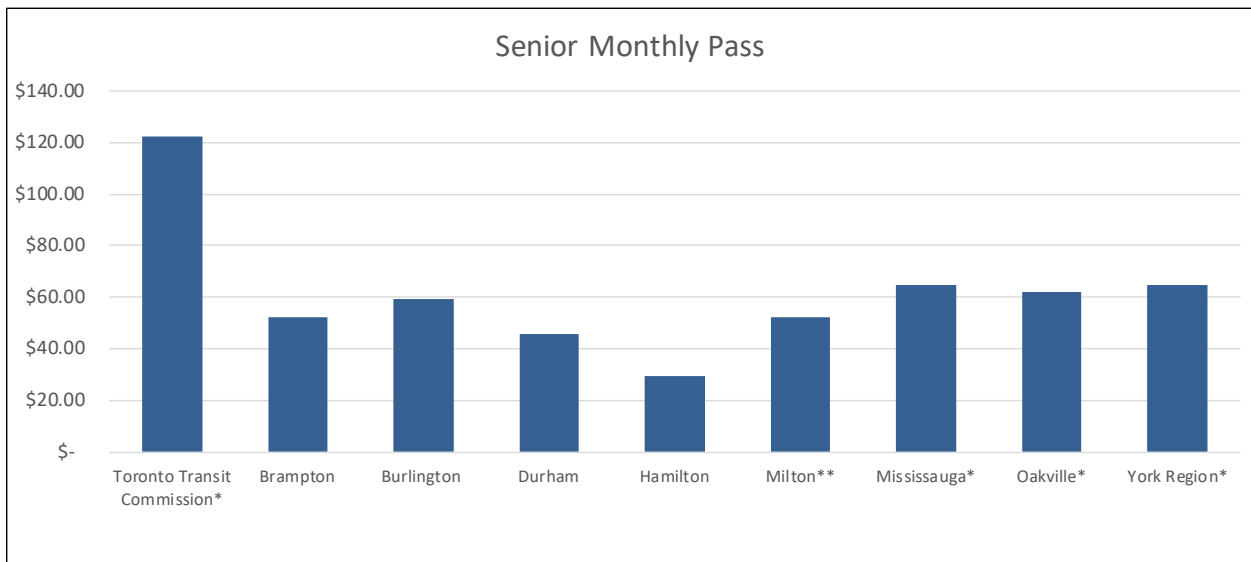
- For example: Burlington Transit, Hamilton Street Railway, York Region Transit and MiWay will accept each other's transfers at any location.

**Monthly Passes:**



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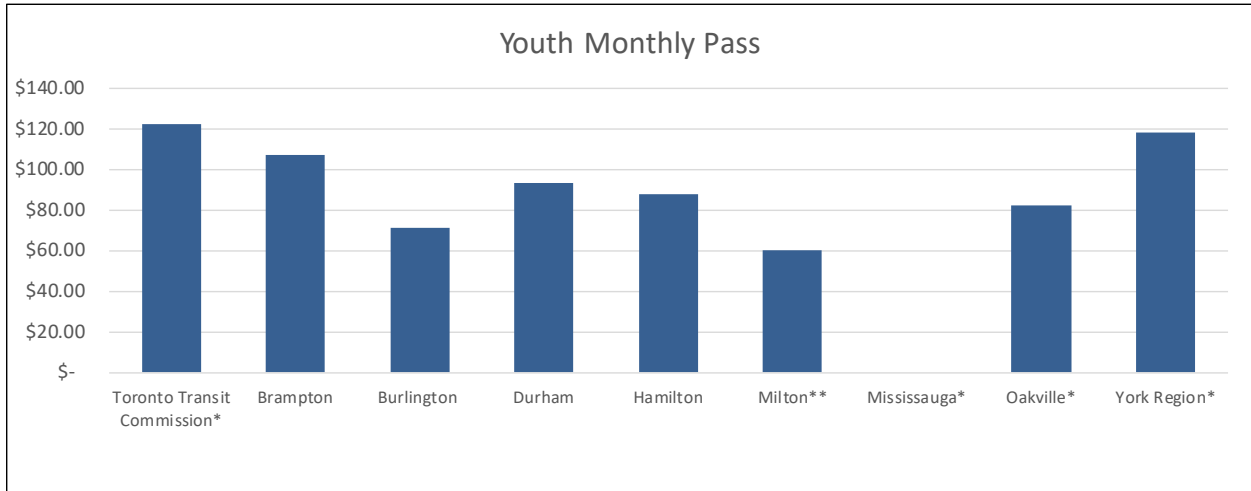
- The TTC Adult Monthly Pass is priced at \$151.15 which is equal to 49 trips using PRESTO single fare.
  - The average trip multiple for all GTA agencies is equal to 38.4 PRESTO single fare rides.



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- The TTC Senior Monthly Pass is priced at \$122.45, equal to 57 trips using PRESTO single fare. This fare reflects the largest fare variance compared to other GTA transit systems.

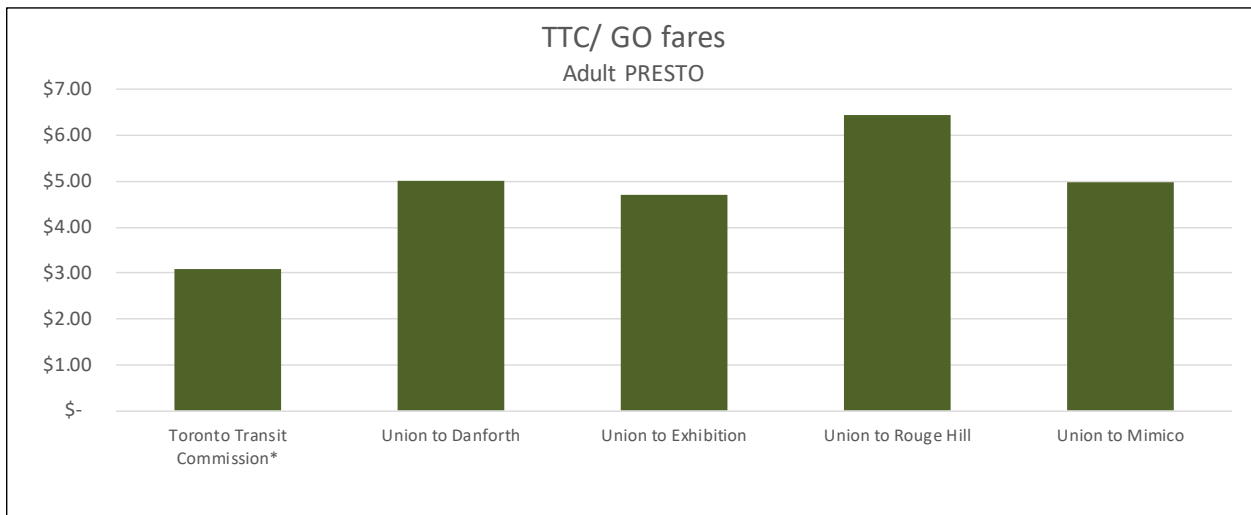
- The average senior trip multiple for all GTA agencies is equal to 29.4 PRESTO single fare rides.



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- The TTC Youth Monthly Pass is priced consistent with the Senior Pass at \$122.45 and is also equal to 57 trips using PRESTO single fare
- The TTC rate is in line with York Region and above the GTA average of \$92.79 or 38 trip multiples (Excluding Mississauga).

## GO Fares



\*Reflects 2019 approved fare increase

- The above graph compares TTC and GO fares although it should be noted that GO fares are distance based.
- In an effort to provide a comparable, four GO fares were chosen based on locations within the City of Toronto, factoring shorter and longer distances travelled in the East and West directions.

- TTC/GO co-fare was implemented in 2018.
  - Provides a \$1.50 discount on the second fare charged between TTC and GO services.

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